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Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection

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Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level:	Series
Series Number:	MPE E
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1888-1998
Physical Description:	13.7 m
History /	
Biographical:	

The importance of knowledge and education to the Manitoba Wheat Pool is made clear in the *The Scoop Shovel*, the official organ of the Manitoba Wheat Pool and other co-operatives in Manitoba. Established in the 1920s, *The Scoop Shovel* owed its existence to a decision by the directors of the Pool to set aside small percentage of income per bushel for educational purposes. R.A. Hoey began to hold meetings to discuss the idea that the Pool was about more than just marketing grain, and in 1926 a Department of Education and Publicity was organized within the Pool. It was directed by J.T. Hull and advised by R.A. Hoey; they expanded and supervised *The Scoop Shovel*.

They also began to accumulate the educational volumes that would become the Pool library. Hull announced in November of 1926 that the library would be open by the end of the month and reported that: "We have a good representation of works on sociology... On co-operation we have about every book that we can find published in the English language. We have also a good selection of books on economics, history, science, general literature, and rural life. In a word, we have tried to make the library one of usefulness to people whose life is on the land."

He also encouraged Pool members—who were the only ones allowed to use the library at this time—to utilize the library to educate themselves, saying "Use it, for knowledge is power". Once the library was open to all Pool members, Hull wrote a regular column for *The Scoop Shovel* called "In the Library", in which he would review books and recommend reading in response to frequent questions from members. When the library gained new books, which was almost continually, he would list them and sometimes discuss them.

The library service was a mailing one; the main collection was kept at the Manitoba Wheat Pool central office in Winnipeg and members could request a catalogue of all the library holdings. If they wanted to borrow a book or books on a specific topic, they could write to Hull and the books would be mailed out to the member and returned by mail, all postage costs covered by the Pool Library.

During the crisis of the early 1930s, the library was saved because the Manitoba Co-operative Conference believed it was vital to the success of the Pools and the co-operative movement. The Conference took over administration of the Pool library in 1931, leasing the books and equipment from the Wheat Pool. The library was formally incorporated under a charter after it changed hands, the other charter members being the Co-operative Marketing Board and the United Farmers of Manitoba.

In 1935 the service was made available free of charge to all rural Manitobans with the financial support of the Co-op Marketing Board. By 1939, Manitoba Pool Elevators had begun to prosper again, and took back responsibility for the administration and housing of the library. The traveling library was also established around this time, and hundreds of boxes were distributed to all MPE points. The boxes were rotated and refreshed twice a year.

In 1942 Hull estimated that there were approximately 4,700 books in the Pool Library with an annual circulation of 4,000 to 5,000 books. Operating the library cost around two thousand dollars per year, although the cost was split between the members of the Manitoba Co-operative Conference, at least it was in theory. The Pool library ran as a free service to all rural Manitobans, regardless of whether they were members of the Pool, and the federal government census in 1941 indicates that over half of Manitoba's population (56%) still lived in rural areas. In 1948, the majority of the Pool Library's services were rendered unnecessary by an act called the "Public Libraries Act" that had been passed by the Manitoba legislature on April 22, 1948, and would go into effect July 1, 1948. The act provided for the establishing of a provincial "Public Library Advisory Board" that would be appointed by the government. Once the board had been established, the act allowed for the establishment of municipal and regional libraries that would be the administrative responsibility of the municipality or region they served and would be supported by a land tax levied on the population that would have access to the library. All employees of the central provincial library would be considered civil servants.

When the Provincial Library was being established in 1949, the Minister in charge of education—Ivan Shultz—actively sought both the advice of those who operated the Pool Library and the physical resources of the Library. In a letter to W.J. Parker, the President of Manitoba Pool Elevators, Shultz wrote that: "We find that in looking at the province as a whole that the box library service of the Manitoba Pool Elevators is the best developed and the best distributed within the province... We would feel that to a considerable extent you had pioneered in this field and we would be using your accomplishments as a springboard for a wider coverage of the province and an enlargement of the service."

He also requested that Miss E.L. Shields—the Pool Librarian—be released from Pool employment so that the Provincial Library could hire her for a year to aid in setting up the new library system.

An agreement was reached between MPE and the Provincial Library, and the bulk of the Pool Library was transferred to the province. The Pool retained the volumes it wished to keep as reference for its employees, and donated the rest of the open shelf library to the province. The traveling library service was sold at a discount to the province, with the caveat that service not be interrupted during the transfer and that the quality of service to rural Manitoba not diminish once the Library had been entirely transferred to the government. In a letter to Ivan Shultz after the agreement to sell the traveling library had been reached, W.J. Parker wrote that: "...Manitoba Pool Elevators has maintained an open shelf library for a period of some twenty years. These books have been made available to anyone in Manitoba, outside the City of Winnipeg, and the postage both ways was paid by the Pool. We feel it has served a very useful purpose, but that it is not primarily our function and if the government proposes to offer a more complete and universal service we are prepared to retire from the field and avoid what might be considered unnecessary duplication."

Scope and Content:

Series contains items once held as part of the Manitoba Pool Library. It has been divided into the following four sub-series: (1) MPE E 1 Manitoba Pool Library publications; (2) MPE E 2 The Scoop Shovel; (3) MPE E 3 The Manitoba Cooperator; and (4) MPE E 4 Pamphlet collection.

Notes:

Description by Jill Sutherland and Christy Henry



The Scoop Shovel

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Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collecton
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	TSS-1924-09-02
GMD:	textual records
Responsibility:	Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range:	September 2, 1924
Publisher Series:	Vol. 1 No. 1
Physical Description:	2 pp.
Scope and Content:	

Item consists of the first issue of The Scoop Shovel.

Notes:	Description by Christy Henry.
Location Original:	Archives 14-24-1, Box 24

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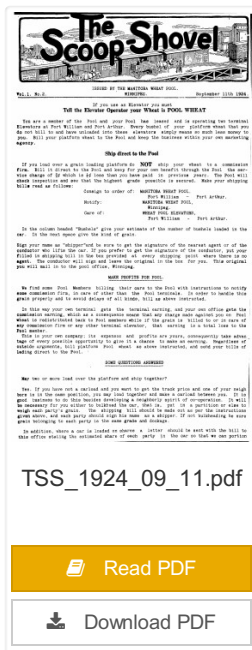
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Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collecton
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	TSS-1924-09-11
GMD:	textual records
Responsibility:	Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range:	September 11, 1924
Publisher Series:	Vol. 1 No. 2
Physical Description:	2 pp.

Item consists of the September 11, 1924 issue of The Scoop Shovel.

Notes:	Description by Christy Henry.
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Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	TSS-1924-10-16
GMD:	textual records
Responsibility:	Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range:	October 16, 1924
Publisher Series:	Vol. 1 No. 4
Physical Description:	2 pp.
Scope and Content:	

Item consists of the October 16, 1924 issue of The Scoop Shovel.

Notes:	Description by Christy Henry.
Location Original:	Archives 14-24-1, Box 24

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Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library colleciton
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	TSS-1924-11-13
GMD:	textual records
Responsibility:	Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range:	November 13, 1924
Publisher Series:	Vol. 1 No. 5
Physical Description:	2 pp.

Notes:	Description by Christy Henry.
Location Original:	Archives 14-24-1, Box 24

The image is a collage of newspaper clippings from the Washington World and Times Herald, dated November 1935. The main headline at the top is "The Scoop Shovel" in a large, stylized font, with a picture of a shovel. Below this, the newspaper's name and date are printed. The clippings include several articles: "KID TRIP" about a boy's trip to the coast; "POLE TOWNSHIP SALE" about a land sale; "THE POLICE BEAT" about a police report; "A TRICK OF THE TRADE" about a trick of the trade; and "RESPONSIBILITY OF ELITARIAN" about the responsibility of elitarianism. The clippings are arranged in a grid-like fashion, with some overlapping.



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Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	TSS-1924-12-10
GMD:	textual records
Responsibility:	Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range:	December 10, 1924
Publisher Series:	Vol. 1 No. 6
Physical Description:	4pp.

Scope and Content:

Item consists of the December 10, 1924 issue of The Scoop Shovel, as well as an Index stamped Manitoba Wheat Pool Reference Library Publicity Department.

Notes:	Description by Christy Henry.
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Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TSS-1925-01
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range: January 1925
Publisher Series: Vol. 1 No. 7
Physical Description: 18pp.

Scope and Content:

Item consists of the January 1925 issue of The Scoop Shovel.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry.

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Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TSS-1925-02
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range: February 1925
Publisher Series: Vol. 1 No. 8
Physical Description: 16pp.
Scope and Content:

Item consists of the February 1925 issue of The Scoop Shovel.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry.

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WINNIPEG, MAN., FEBRUARY, 1925

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It is longer now the Manitoba farmer complains that he has nothing to say in the price which he receives for the products of his farm.

Operating in this Province since 1923 he has the Manitoba Cooperative Elevator with 2,110 member farmers, The Grain Pool operating the two great wheat & barley elevators, The Manitoba Cooperative Poultry Marketing Association operating since 1922, now having 1,000 members. The Cooperative Wheat Elevator, which since 1924, will 100 Manitoba shippers out of 1,000 shippers in Manitoba, The Wheat Pool with 2,110 members, operating now in the hands of other grain.

Every one of these cooperative organizations has been successful in getting the farmer more for the products which he has produced. They all stand more united to make sure that they are able to give him all better service. It is better that the Wheat Pool Elevator will be a better co-operative, a better service and a better effort. If he cannot be united, united, united, again and again through his own organizations. It is better enough cooperative theory. Let's have more cooperative action.

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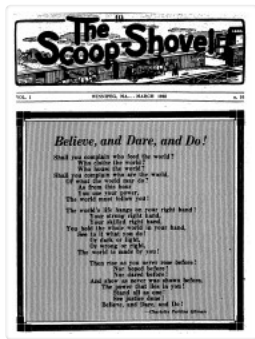
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Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TSS-1925-03-02
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range: March 1925
Publisher Series: Vol. 1 No. 10
Physical Description: 16pp.

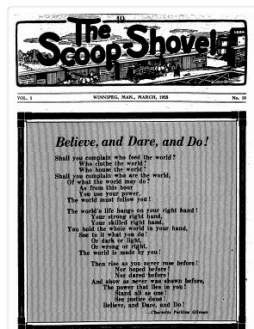
Scope and Content:

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Notes: Description by Christy Henry.

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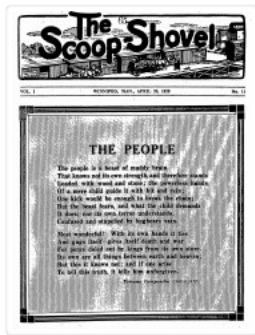
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Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: TSS-1925-04-20

GMD: textual records

Responsibility: Manitoba Wheat Pool

Date Range: April 20, 1925

Publisher Series: Vol. I No. 11

Physical Description: 16pp.

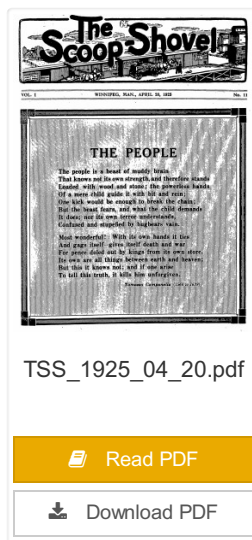
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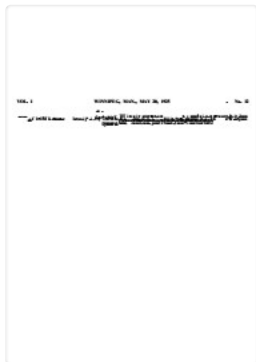
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Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level: Item
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GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range: May 20, 1925
Publisher Series: Vol. 1 No. 12
Physical Description: 16pp.

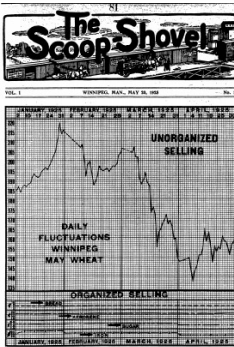
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Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TSS-1925-06-20
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range: June 20, 1925
Publisher Series: Vol. 1 No. 13
Physical Description: 16pp.

Scope and Content:

Item consists of the June 20, 1925 issue of The Scoop Shovel.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry.

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Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TSS-1925-07-20
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range: July 20, 1925
Publisher Series: Vol. 1 No. 14
Physical Description: 16pp.

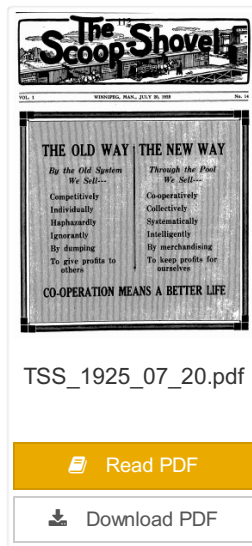
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Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TSS-1925-08-20
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range: August 20, 1925
Publisher Series: Vol. I No. 15
Physical Description: 16pp.

Scope and Content:

Item consists of the August 20, 1925 issue of The Scoop Shovel.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry.

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Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TSS-1925-09-21
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range: September 21, 1925
Publisher Series: Vol. I No. 16
Physical Description: 16pp.

Scope and Content:


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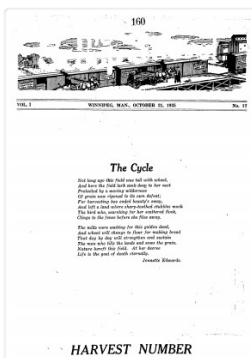
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Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TSS-1925-10-21
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range: October 21, 1925
Publisher Series: Vol. I No. 17
Physical Description: 28pp.
Scope and Content:

Item consists of the Harvest Number of The Scoop Shovel, published October 21, 1925.


Notes: Description by Christy Henry.


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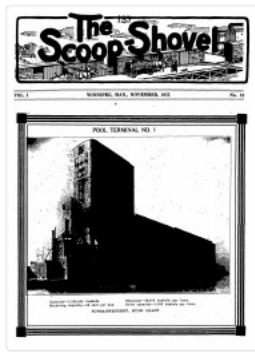
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Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TSS-1925-11
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range: November 1925
Publisher Series: Vol. I No. 18
Physical Description: 24pp.

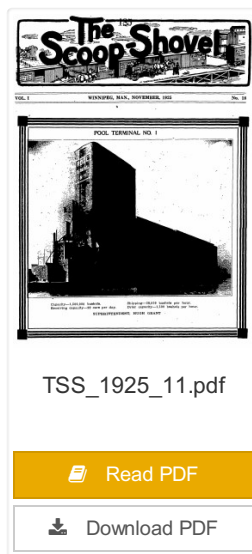
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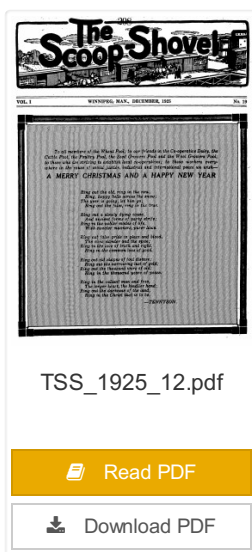
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Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level: Item
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GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range: December 1925
Publisher Series: Vol. I No. 19
Physical Description: 26pp.
Scope and Content:

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Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TSS-1926-01
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range: January 1926
Publisher Series: Vol. II No. 1
Physical Description: 24pp.

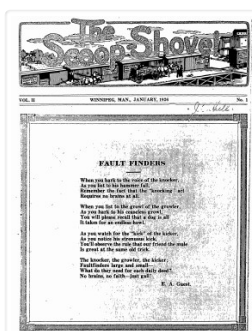
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